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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY RE FSLN INDICTEES

REF: GOWEN-MARTIN TELCON OF SEPTEMBER 27

1. ALL THREE NAMES REFERRED TO ARE FSLN INDICTEES CURRENTLY BEING REPRESENTED BY LAWYERS DURING FINAL PROCEDURES PRIOR TO BEING RE-COMMENDED BY MILITARY COURT OF INQUIRY TO THE EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL OF WAR FOR SENTENCING. FULL NAMES ARE: ADRIANA AMY COVER KNOUT; IVAN MONTENEGRO BAEZ; DONALD GAITAN PAYAN

2. FYI COVER IS VENEZUELAN CHARGED WITH BEING FSLN COURIER. LAWYER FOR MONTENEGRO AND FAITAN HAS ARGUED THAT THEY ARE POLITICAL PRISONERS BECAUSE THEY ARE BEING PROSECUTED FOR BEING MEMBERS OF A POLITICAL ORGANIZATION, I.E., THE FSLN. HE ALSO HAS PUBLICALLY ALLEGED THAT DURING THEIR DETENTION THEY HAVE BEEN PHYSICALLY TORTURED. EMB IS UNABLE TO COMMENT ON LAWYER'S ALLEGATION OTHER THAN TO POINT OUT CHARGES OF TORTURE HAVE BEEN SURFACED IN FSLN TRIALS AND HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.
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